Purchase of Hindi Typewriters

†5322. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the offices under his Ministry where there is not a single Hindi typewriter, so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing Hindi typewriter, so far; and

(c) the action taken to ensure compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriters by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) All the offices under Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation have either Hindi typewriters or Computer with Hindi software or both.

(b) In view of (a) above question does not arise.

(c) As far as Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is concerned, all the offices under the Ministry are mostly using Computers, the Hindi typewriters are generally not required. However, wherever typewriters are required, only bilingual typewriters are purchased.

Poverty Alleviation Schemes

5223. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poverty alleviation schemes launched by Government during each of the last three years and their budgetary allocations, scheme-wise; and

(b) the number of schemes proposed to be launched by Government during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) This Ministry is implementing a unified programme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY), which was launched on 1.12.1997, for alleviation of urban poverty in the country. The Central funds allocated under the scheme during the last three years are as follows:—

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Rs. in Crores

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
98.63	158.47	118.77

(b) There is no proposal with the Ministry to launch any other Poverty Alleviation scheme, during the current year.

Youth Hostels in Assam

5324. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Youth Hostels constructed in the State of Assam during the last five years, particularly in the North Cachar district of the State, location-wise;

(b) the number of Youth Hostels proposed to be constructed in the State during the next two years, location- wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) The details of youth hostels constructed in the State of Assam during the last five years are as under:—

Sl.No.	Location of Youth Hostel	Year of Completion
1.	Nagaon	1998
2.	Tezpur	1999

(b) and (c) On receipt of request from the State Govt. of Assam, the Deptt. would consider construction of more Youth Hostels in the State. Presently, there is no such proposal from the State of Assam.

Probe into Lavish Lifestyle of Indian Cricketers

5325. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state: